Falmouth Aug.t 28. 1749

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I arrived here on the 24th Inst.
being very rainy & disagreeable weather, my Boy
not
like arrive till yesterday — on my arrival I
made strict enquiry after Brig.r Gen.l Lovell &
from reports expected him in Town from day to
day till yesterday Evening, when an Express
came from with a Letter from the Rev.d Mr. John
Murray dated at Georgetown Aug.t 25 1749. the
Letter is a paragraph — We proceeded from
Pleasant Point [illegible] arrived at Georgetown
night & found the Commodore with Maj.r Brown
who is aid to the Gen.l together with the Family
& several others of the Generals Family — but not
a word from himself since he set out from Boston
in company with some Indians & an interpreter
together with Maj.r Todd Col.o Davis & Doct.r Downer
designing by the help of the Indians to make
a short passage by way of the Streams to
Sebascook — but now every one that undertook the longest route is arrived even the
women, I have talked with one that came
her babe not 4 weeks old & another of 62 that
carried her self from [illegible] at three o'Clock

morning an express set out for the Lightest settlements on Sebasticcook & returned the next night without any tidings of the Sav[e]. I then detached two faithfull men from Fort Halifax with orders to follow the streams & keep to the Indian tracks until they have gone thro' & inform Brig[r]. Wadsworth at Pamboden of the result— you will perceive from this narrative that my fears have been alarmed for the general safety— Indians keep no faith unless when it appears to be their present advantage to do so— stories multiply— the hope of reconciliation with a victorious enemy & the prospect of a present (even if it were a Gallon of rum) would be a sufficient price for the life of any American to most of that class of men: if the present express bring no better news than the last I recommend to send a Messenger to the Indians to demand him— and a Flag to the enemy to enquire for him ——

We have learnt from a man that was lately taken in a Canoe from this river & escaped to the enemy's camp & afterwards made his escape. (W 710(1)) that the enemy are about embarking & are bound for Townsend Newitch & Falmouth— [illegible]

your Honor will observe by the above paragraph that it is very Suspicious that the Indians Last Letter Killed the Last or Leeward Line to the Savy what makes it more alarming is the Express Comm[unicat]ion was found in the possession of a Soldier of the Pentteman who came express confirmed me he saw it & read it - for this & other account I can collect am apprehensive that the Inward by the Treachery of the Indians is murdered ——

From Mr. Brumys Letter & the Person that Lately left the Savy it appears very Drowsy as they intend to pay this Town a Visit. with my opinion if the[y] intentions to remain in this Part of the Country, that this Harbour, from its Situation will be better Just Eyed - I shall therefore make a Stand here till I hear further from the Hon[ble] Board - I have this morning ordered Capt Vose of the Continental Artillery who Gen[l] Pates was pleased to detach from his Army with my Regiment to immediately examine into the State of the Cannon & ordenance at this Post & make returns to me of their Situation — The

Sloop with Ordinance Stores on board, when
I left Portsmouth I ordered to remain at Ports-
mouth where She now lays ~~till~~ waiting
orders from the Hon^ble Board - as She was not
put under my direction by my last Letters what
Stores are on board its not in my Power to deter-
mine whether they will be wanted at this Post -

Yesterday the Sloop Fanny Capt Hilton
arrived here loaded with Provisions, I directed to
my care, to be delivered to the order of Gen^l Lee
for the use of the retreating Troops under his Com^d
as the Gen^l is not yet heard of & am this moment
informed, that the Brigadier of this County has
ordered Col^o Mitchell Regiment of Militia to
remain at this Post - I have therefore ~~given~~
~~directions~~ & as part of the 5^th Regiment is arrived
& are coming in every hour - I have thought it
proper to deliver the whole of the above Cargo
to Mr Thos Lucas Commissary of Stores to Gen^l
Lee as they arrive this Brigade with
Lee & away to be delivered out to the Troops -
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a Stand here, it will be absolutely nec.y
sary to have a magazine of Provisions
immediately formed in some place near
this ~~here~~ Port, as all the Provisions
now on Land will not last more than
ten days — I would also recommend
that a Purchasing commissary be appointed
to purchase fresh Provisions for the
immediate consumption of the Troops. &
the Salt meat & hard bread remaining
on Land be kept in case of an immer-
gency —

A Large number of Firelocks
& musket cartridges, accoutrements & Flints
will be greatly wanted for the Militia
as I find from enquiry they are very deficient
not more than one half the men are
properly armed & accoutred —

I am with great respect
Your Honors most ob.t
Humble Servant
E. BULLER

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